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SUBJECT CHINESE NATIONALIST AND CHINESE COMMUNIST ORDER OF BATTLE FIGURES

SOURCE	CLASSIFICATION	ITEM
Naval Message No 7126/7125; DTG 222158Z; From ADMINO CINCPACFLT; January 23	SECRET	(1) Military and Civilian population of Tachen Islands:

	Regular	Querrilla	Civilian
the Tachens	9,658	2,652	14,500 x
Nanchishan	2,523	704	2,100 x
Pishan		1,531	1,000 x
Yushan		854	500 x
Total:	12,181	5,741	18,100 x

(2) Analysis of naval reports of Chinese Communist strength indicate the following:

(a) ChiCommies possible have 2 FF, 2 FG, 4 FT, 2 FS, 11 YP, 4 LSM/LST and various smaller craft presently in Tachen-Chousan Shan area

(b) Possibility exists that the Soviet Union has transferred 2 GORDIY class destroyers to Chi Coms in addition to 2 M-V class submarines now accepted in ChiCom naval OB.

(c) no known mine fields exist in Tachen area

(d) ChiComs capable of interferring with US naval and air operations in Tachen area.

(3) Recap of Chinese Communist air OB in Shanghai-Ningpo area:

(a) maximum of approximately 439 aircraft including 316 jet fighters, 86 piston fighters, 19 ground attack aircraft, 18 piston light bombers, and unknown number of jet light bombers.

(b) 57 piston light bombers also based at Nanking

(c) strong possibility that 53 additional piston light bombers unlocated in East China area.

(d) Jet fighters also located at Nanchang and piston fighters located at Wuhu.

(4) Chinese Communist ground strength between Shanghai and Wenchow estimated at approximately 250,000.

(a) 60-65,000 presently deployed on mainland opposite to Tachen and on islands adjactent to Tachens.

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(b) estimated that remaining 190,000 troops can be deployed in coastal regions within four (4) days